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FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE & REPAIR OF COM'S FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE

REF: ATHENS 8503

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, POST DOES DESIRE ASSISTANCE AND APPRECIATES OFFER. BEIRUT IS NOW EXPERIENCING A PERIOD OF RELATIVE CALM. ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION COULD CHANGE OVERNIGHT, IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CALM NOW BY SHCEDULING THE TEAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. COM'S VEHICLE IS PROBABLY SUBJECTED TO MORE WEAR AND TEAR THAN OTHER SIMILAR VEHICLES ASSIGNED ABROAD. COMPOUNDED BY STEADY USE IS THE NON-AVAILABILITY OF TRAINED MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL, EITHER IN THE EMBASSY OR OUTSIDE, AS WELL AS THE CONSTANT CLOSURE OF GARAGES DUE TO BEIRUT CIVIL STRIFE. WITH THIS IN MIND, A COMPLETE MAINTENANCE INSPECTION IS REQUESTED. IN ADDITION, THE GSO HAS ASKED IF THE TEAM COULD INSTALL HEAVY DUTY SHOCK ABSORBERS AND BRAKE LININGS.

3. WHILE THE COM'S VEHICLE IS "DOWN", ANTICIPATE USING A PARTIAL ARMOTED 1974, 4D BELAIR SEDAN, AND/OR 1973 PLYMOUTH FURY 4D SEDAN.
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4. IN ADDITIONA TO COM'S VEHICLE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT TEAM
BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT MAINTENANCE CHECK OF RSO/SY VEHICLE,
(1971 PLYMOUTH FURY I, 4D SEDAN) AND COM'S FOLLOW VEHICLE,
(1974 CHEVROLET BELAIR, 4D SEDAN).

5. AS PARTS ARE VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTANT IN BEIRUT, THE FOLLOWING
ARE REQUESTED FOR COM VEHICLE:

A. BRAKE LINGING (3 SETS)

B. HEAVY DUTY SHOCK ABSORBERS (3 SETS)

C. SPARK PLUGS (5 SETS)

D. SPARK PLUG WIRE (1 SET)

6. IN SCHEDULING TRIP, TEAM MUST ADVISE BEIRUT OF ITINERARY
NO LESS THAN ONE DAY IN ADVANCE AND PLAN ARRIVE DURING DAYLIGHT
HOURS, I.E., NO LATER THAN 1600. MEET AND ASSIST TO INCLUDE
ESCORT WILL BE ARRANGED. IF, FOR ANY REASON THERE IS NO ONE AT
AIRPORT TO MEET TEAM UPON ARRIVAL, THEY ARE NOT, RPT NOT TO PRO-
CEED BY THEMSELVES INTO CITY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. THEY MUST
TELEPHONE EMBASSY 361-800) FOR ADVISE OR IF TELEPHONES OUT,
WAIT.
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